



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Raised Senate Bill 414 *"An Act Making Revisions to Statutes Concerning the Department of Motor Vehicles."*

CCM supports SB 414 which would among other things prohibit municipal assessors from sharing any information contained in any list provided to them by the DMV that is protected from disclosure under state or federal law.

This prohibition is needed in order to allow the DMV to share information, such as taxpayer's date of birth, with municipal assessors.

Date of birth information allows municipal assessors to properly collect motor vehicle taxes while providing the taxpayers with the customer service they deserve. Without the birth date to distinguish between people with the same name, all the individuals will be reported as delinquent to the DMV. It will put such taxpayers on the defensive in order to prove they are not delinquent on their taxes, and create antagonisms between inconvenienced citizens and their hometown governments.

SB 414 will ensure that the privacy of Connecticut's residents is kept secure and that everyone is treated fairly and pays what they owe.

We urge the committee to favorably report SB 414.

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